What is claimed is:

1   1. A method for synchronously delivering complementary data to a first device and
2   a second device, the method comprising:
3   receiving a command through a network for synchronous transmission of
4   complementary data; and
5   transmitting first data through the network to the first device, the
6   transmission of the first data synchronized with transmission of second data
7   transmitted to a second device, the first and second data forming complementary
8   data.

1   2. The method of claim 1 wherein the network is a telephone network

1   3. The method of claim 1 wherein the network is an Internet.

1   4. The method of claim 1 wherein the network is a wireless network.

1   5. The method of claim 1 wherein the network is a first network and second data is
2   transmitted to the second device through a second network.

1   6. The method of claim 5 wherein the second network is a telephone network

1   7. The method of claim 5 wherein the second network is an Internet.

1   8. The method of claim 5 wherein the second network is a wireless network.

1   9. The method of claim 5 wherein each of the first data and the second data is one
2   from the group consisting of audio data and video data.

1   10. The method of claim 1 wherein the first device is a PDA.

1   11. The method of claim 1 wherein the first device is a telephone.

1   12. A system for synchronously delivering complementary data through a network,

2   the system comprising:

3   a control unit;

4   a first device connected to the control unit through the network; and

5   a second device connected to the control unit through the network, wherein

6   the control unit synchronously delivers complementary data to the first device and

7   the second device.

1   13. The system of claim 12 wherein the first device is a vehicle navigation system

2   and wherein the complementary data includes navigational video data delivered to

3   the first device and supplementary data delivered to the second device.

1   14. The system of claim 13 wherein the supplementary data is audio data.

1   15. The system of claim 12 wherein the first device is a video monitor and wherein

2   the complementary data includes video data delivered to the first device and subtitles

3   delivered to the second device.

1   16. A method for remotely controlling a telephone using a device connected to a

2   network, the network being connected to a telephone network through a gateway

3   server, the method comprising:

4   receiving a command to control a telephone from a device; and

5   controlling the telephone in accordance with the command, wherein the

6   receiving and controlling steps are executed at a location that is remote from the

7   location of the device and the location of the telephone.

1   17. The method of claim 16 wherein the functionality of the telephone is controlled

2   after a communication channel between the telephone and another device has been

3   established.

1   18. A method for remotely controlling an appliance connected to a first network
2   using a device connected to a second network, the first network connected to the
3   second network through a gateway server, the method comprising:
4   receiving a command to control an appliance from a device; and
5   controlling the appliance in accordance with the command, wherein the
6   receiving and controlling steps are executed at a location that is remote from the
7   location of the device and the location of the appliance.

1   19. A method for delivering first data through a network for playback or display on
2   a first device in synchronicity with playback or display of second data on a second
3   device, the first data and the second data forming complementary data, the method
4   comprising:
5   receiving a command through a network for transmission of complementary
6   data; and
7   transmitting first data through the network to a first device for playback or
8   display on the first device in synchronicity with playback or display of second data
9   on a second device, wherein the first and second data form complementary data.

1   20. The method of claim 19 wherein the network is a telephone network

1   21. The method of claim 19 wherein the network is an Internet.

1   22. The method of claim 19 wherein the network is a wireless network.

1   23. The method of claim 19 wherein the network is a first network and second data
2   is transmitted to the second device through a second network.

1   24. The method of claim 23 wherein the second network is a telephone network

1   25. The method of claim 24 wherein the second network is an Internet.

1   26. The method of claim 24 wherein the second network is a wireless network.

1   27. The method of claim 24 wherein each of the first data and the second data is one

2   from the group consisting of audio data and video data.

1   28. The method of claim 19 wherein the first device is a PDA.

1   29. The method of claim 19 wherein the first device is a telephone.

1   30. A method for synchronously delivering complementary data to a device and a

2   PDA, the method comprising:

3   receiving a command from the PDA through a first network, the first

4   network including a wireless network;

5   transmitting first data to through the first network ; and

6   transmitting second data through a second network, the transmission of the

7   second data synchronized with the transmission of the first data, the first and second

8   data forming complementary data.

1   31. The method of claim 30 wherein the first data is transmitted to the PDA and the

2   second data is transmitted to a device.

1   32. The method of claim 30 wherein at least one of the first data and the second data

2   is either unicast or multicast to a predetermined collection of users or devices.

1   33. The method of claim 32 wherein the first data and second data are intended for

2   observation by the same entity or person.

1   31. The method of claim 30 wherein the first network is the Internet.

1   32. The method of claim 30 wherein the second network is the Internet.

1   33.   The method of claim 30 wherein the first data is transmitted to the PDA.

1   34.   The method of claim 33 wherein the first data is played on the PDA.

1   35.   The method of claim 34 wherein the first data is textual data that is displayed on
2   the PDA.

1   36.   The method of claim 34 wherein the first data is audio data.

1   37.   The method of claim 30 wherein the first data is transmitted to a device, the
2   device being one from the collection of a telephone, a computer and a navigational
3   device.

1   38.   The method of claim 37 wherein the second data is supplementary data.